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INFORM CONSULS

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SUBJECT: REQUIREMENTS FOR LEBANESE VISAS

REFS: STATE 9012 & BEIRUT 859 (NOTAL)

INFORM CONSULS.

1. EMBASSY BEIRUT REPORT GOL HAS MADE FURTHER CHANGE IN LEBANESE VISA REQUIREMENTS. PREVIOUS POLICY AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE FIFTEEN-DAY VISAS AT BEIRUT AIRPORT AND OTHER PORTS OF ENTRY HAS BEEN CANCELLED. FORTY-EIGHT HOUR TRANSIT VISAS STILL BEING ISSUED, WHICH MAY BE EXTENDED ON APPLICATION TO SURETE GENERAL OFFICE.

2. NEW PROCEDURE WILL NOT RESULT IN REFUSAL FOR ENTRY FOR LACK OF VISA BUT WILL INCONVENIENCE CITIZENS INTENDING VISIT LEBANON FOR WEEK OR TWO WITHOUT PRIOR VISA AS VISA EXTENSION PROCESS OFTEN INVOLVES LONG WAIT IN CROWDED
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3. ACCORDINGLY, IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES RE TRAVEL TO
LEBANON, POSTS SHOULD SUGGEST VISA BE OBTAINED PRIOR ENTRY.
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